

Remarks/Arguments:

Applicants/Appellants have amended claim 23, without introducing new matter into the application, to correct an improper dependency.

Claim 21 was cancelled and claim 22 should previously have been made to depend on claim 18.

This corrected amendment sets forth the proper status of each claim in the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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